Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Friday 26 Nov 2021 until 23:59 on Saturday 27 Nov 2021

Forecast Issued on Friday 26 Nov 2021 at 03:25 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for decidedly wintry conditions over the next couple of days and for a transition to less cold weather through early next week. Some uncertainty in the details of snowfall on Friday, however.

Headline for Friday 26 Nov 2021: Winter conditions. Bitterly cold, frequent snowfall and dangerous winds.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 26 Nov 2021

Blizzards High Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** Medium Likelihood	**Storm force winds** Medium Likelihood
Gales High Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** High Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy snow showers (night)	Heavy snow showers	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow showers (night)	Heavy snow showers (night)
Precipitation probability					
70%	70%	80%	80%	60%	50%

Forecast for Friday 26 Nov 2021

Weather: Cold northwest winds will bring frequent and heavy snow showers across all ranges through morning and these are likely to merge into several hours of snowfall through late afternoon and evening more especially in the east of the area. Snow will fall across all areas above around 200-300m, with lower levels and coasts seeing rain, sleet or hail.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 30% early and late, otherwise almost no chance.

Visibility: Fleeting cloud breaks through morning and later in the evening will afford some distant views of nearby ranges but otherwise, visibility will be highly variable. Passing snow showers, and later more persistent snowfall will lead to blizzard conditions and almost no visibility. Cloud bases as low as 300m at times, and widely extensive above 500m from late morning. Cloud breaking through evening.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	49/57 N	48/58 NW	47/58 N	56/70 N	56/70 N	49/61 N	45/57 N
900	46/54 N	45/55 NW	44/56 N	52/66 N	53/67 N	45/58 N	41/54 N
600	30/38 N	30/40 NW	31/42 N	37/52 N	38/54 N	31/45 N	30/43 N
300	10/42 N	11/43 NW	12/43 N	14/51 N	14/51 N	12/45 N	13/43 N
Glen	19/40 N	19/39 NW	19/39 N	22/47 N	21/48 N	19/43 N	19/41 N

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-4/-15	-5/-16	-4/-15	-4/-16	-5/-17	-5/-17	-6/-17
900	-3/-13	-4/-15	-3/-14	-4/-15	-4/-16	-4/-15	-5/-16
600	0/-8	-1/-10	-1/-9	-1/-10	-2/-11	-2/-10	-3/-12
300	2/-2	1/-3	1/-3	1/-4	1/-4	0/-4	-0/-5
Glen	5/-0	4/-1	4/-1	4/-2	4/-2	3/-2	2/-3
Freezing Level*	400m	300m	400m	300m	200m	200m	100m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Serious winter conditions. Wind speeds up to 90mph are possible on the most exposed ground. Mean speeds shown at 300m and below look too low by 10-20mph.

Forecast for Saturday 27 Nov 2021

Weather: A cold, snowy and perhaps icy start. Northerly winds continue to feed very cold air across the ranges, with snow showers developing across the Atlantic and spreading south, but with some longer bright or sunny spells between these. Strong winds will slowly ease through afternoon and showers will become isolated through evening. Best shelter towards Glens Affric and Shiel. Snow will affect all levels away from coasts.

Maximum wind: North 30-40 gusting 50mph initially, easing to 20-25 gusting 35mph through afternoon.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 60%.

Visibility: Marked changes through the day as snow showers bring visibility down to near zero and areas of cloud descent to 200-400m, but these will pass quickly with decent breaks in between. Long clear spells into the evening.

Temperature: **Glens:** Around freezing.
At 800m: Around minus 6 Celsius.
Freezing level: 100-200m.

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